

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 35**

February 3, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a court to deny a petition for a name change if it has reason to believe that the petition is being made to defraud, mislead, cause injury to another or to compromise public safety. If a petitioner has a felony conviction, the petition is presumed to be made in bad faith with the burden of proof placed on the petitioner to prove otherwise. Bill does not apply to name changes resulting from marriage, divorce, or adoption.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumption:

- Establishing additional criteria for a judge to consider regarding a petition for a name change may lengthen the timeframe to hear matters involving persons with felony convictions or other petitions that raise a question of good faith. Any cost associated for lengthier hearings can be accommodated within existing resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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